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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Thomas P. Hager and Richard N. Lehman
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Filing Date: October 31, 2001
For: COMPACT HYBRID FIBER REINFORCED RODS FOR
OPTICAL CABLE REINFORCEMENTS AND
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

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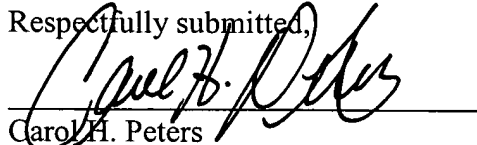
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PETITION FOR THREE MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Applicants submit herewith a petition for three months extension of time to extend the time to respond to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2003 to May 5, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 475 (Small Entity fee) as the requisite petition fee. If the enclosed check is insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance required to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, referencing Attorney Docket No. 27585-022. A duplicate copy of this notice is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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